

June 10, 2014

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting, on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 9:00 A.M., in the City Council Chambers City Hall, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Buddy Collins, Chairman; Elista H. Smith, Vice Chairperson; John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Allen W. Floyd, Simon Jenkins, Thomas E. Shaw. Also present were G. Timothy Harper, Administrator; Charles L. McLain III, County Attorney; and Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. A representative from the Star & Enterprise was present and duly notified.

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Simon Jenkins to lead the Invocation, after which he welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 22, 2014.

Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the budget workshop held on May 8, 2014.

The County Attorney stated that item A. B. & C. second and third reading for the ordinance listed on the agenda as follows were not ready: A. Second Reading of Ordinance #2014-03 An Ordinance to Authorize the Lease of the Marion County Tax Parcel Number 121-00-00-033-000, more commonly referred to as the Old Marion County Landfill at Ariel Crossroads to Benjie Andrew for the sole purpose of cattle grazing under the terms of the lease attached hereto and made a part hereof, B. Second Reading of Ordinance #2014-05, An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease, and Minutes, June 10, 2014, Page 2

all other matters required thereto, of certain Real Property Owned by Marion County Designated as Tax ID Number 055-00-00-121 & 127 to Project NY1; C. Third Reading of Ordinance #2014-06 Fiscal Year Budget 2014-2015.

There were no reports given by Committee #1 or Committee #2.

Vice Chairperson Smith stated that Committee #2 will meet on Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at the Administration Building regarding Paws to the Rescue proposal.

The Administrator told Council that the request from Marion County Fire/Rescue Chief's Association has been assigned to Committee #1.

The County Attorney explained to Council the process of having and establishing the sale of alcohol on Sunday. Mr. McLain told Council that he has reviewed the statutes, and could not find anyway to do it without the necessity of having a referendum. He stated in order to have a referendum it has to be on a general elections cycle, and submitted to the election commission 180 days prior to the general elections. He stated that it puts the County out for this year. Mr. McLain stated that this matter would have to be forwarded to the next cycle of general elections, which is two years from now. Mr. McLain told Council that he checked into the Darlington Racetrack situation. He stated that Darlington Racetrack has a specific legislation that causes an exemption. Mr. McLain stated that he has contracted several county attorneys, and also the director of the Alcohol and Beverage Licensing Division. He stated that a referendum would be the only route to take regarding this matter.

The Administrator updated Council on the new Administration Building. Mr. Harper told Council that there were a few changes in the plans. He stated that the architect has submitted the plans to the City of Marion for review.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that the courthouse has been completed. He stated that a ribbon cutting ceremony was held last week for Grice's Recreation Pool. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. for the new Seller Town Hall. Mr. Harper stated that the projects are moving forward on the Mullins City Hall, Nichols Community Town Hall, Marion Tollison Gym, the fire station in Britton's Neck and the Sellers Community Center.

The Administrator reported to Council that the County collected around \$37,000 from the surplus auction.

The Administrator told Council that a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> with the ambulance services at 3:00 p.m. in reference to the franchise agreement.

The Administrator reported to Council that Tractor Supply is advertising for jobs in Marion. Mr. Harper stated that applications are being accepted online.

The Administrator provided Council a copy of the Marion County Financing Bid list. Mr. Harper told Council that there were two bids. They are as follows: Anderson Brothers Bank at 4% and Pee Dee Federal Savings at 3.83%. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award the emergency communications tower bid to Pee Dee Federal Savings at 3.83%. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Jenkins; Mr. Atkinson abstained from the vote because he is employed by Pee Dee Federal Savings. The motion carried.

It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award the equipment and vehicles bid to Pee Dee Federal Savings at 3.83%. Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Shaw; Mr. Atkinson abstained from the vote because he is employed by Pee Dee Federal Savings. The motion carried.

It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award the building renovations bid to Pee Dee Federal Savings at 3.83%. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Jenkins; Mr. Atkinson abstained from the vote because he is employed by Pee Dee Federal Savings. The motion carried.

The Administrator told Council that RFP's were sent to the local banks in reference to providing banking management services for the County. Mr. Harper stated that TD Bank was the only bidder. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award the County's financial banking services to TD Bank. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Jenkins acknowledged Mr. Lee from Pee Dee Skate Land. Councilman Jenkins advised Mr. Lee to contact the clerk if he wished to be on the agenda.

The Administrator told Council that Lt. Willie B. Ellison passed away. He asked Council to remember the family in their prayers. The funeral services will be held today at 2:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Smith, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for an economic development matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular scheduled meeting. Chairman Collins stated that no action was taken during executive session called for an economic development matter.

Councilman Jenkins mentioned a few of Mr. Lee's concerns.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Vice Chairperson Smith, seconded, by Mr. Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:19 A.M.

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Buddy Collins, Chairman

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Elista H. Smith Vice Chairperson

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John Q. Atkinson, Jr.

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Allen W. Floyd

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Simon Jenkins, Chaplain

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Thomas E. Shaw

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(absent)

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Milton W. Troy, II

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G. Timothy Harper, Administrator

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Charles L. McLain, III County Attorney

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Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council